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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF HB-480 PROGRAM IN SEYCHELLES

REF: A. STATE 189272 B. NAIROBI 8605 (NOTAL)

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SEYCHELLES CHIEF
MINISTER MANCHAM ENCLOSING A CLIPPING FROM MAURITIUS
NEWSPAPER L'EXPRESS REPORTING SIGNATURE IN WASHINGTON
NOV 30 OF AGREEMENT WITH OFFICE OF FOOD FOR PEACE OF AID

TO PROVIDE FOOD ASSISTANCE TO MAURITIUS WORTH 4.8 MILLION
RUPEES. MANCHAM STATES THAT IT IS "STRANGE" THAT "WHILST
OUR OWN PROGRAM IS BEING STOPPED, MAURITIUS IS STILL
ABLE TO BENEFIT TO TMD TUNE OF SEVERAL MILLION RUPEES."
HE ALSO STUOHS "PEOPLE OF SEYCHELLES WOULD CONSIDER IT
AN ACT OF GROSS UNFRIENDLINESS" FOR USG "NOT TO FIND
SUBSTITUTE" FOR PL-480 PROGRAM IN SEYCHELLES.

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2. WHILE IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM PRESS CLIPPING PRECISELY

WHAT TYPE OF FOOD ASSISTANCE IS BEING PROVIDED TO MAURITIUS, THIS NEWS NEVERTHELESS TENDS TO UNDERCUT CREDIBILITY OUR ASSERTIONS TO MANCHAM THAT THERE IS NO WAY OF CONTINUING FOOD ASSISTANCE. MOREOVER* THIS ANNOUNCEMENTNCEAKENS MANCHAM'S POLITIC L IMAGE IN EYES OF SEYCHELLOIS BY MAKING HIM APPEAR INEFFECTIVE IN DEALING WITH U.S. IN COMPARISON WITH MAURITIUS GOVERNMENT.

3. CRS HAS NOT AS YET INFORMED SEYCHELLES GOVT THAT SHIPMENTS WERE TERMINATED EFFECTIVE SEPT 30 AND THAT THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL FOOD IN PIPELINE. WHEN MANCHAM GETS THIS NEWS, HE WILL DOUBTLESS BE EVEN ANGRIER THAT AT PRESENT AND STILL MORE INCLINED TO TAKE INITIATIV* AWAY FROM OPPOSITION IN FXYTHRUMING ELECTION CAMPAIGN BY ATTACKING PRIVILEGES OF U.S. TRACKING STATION.

4. WHILE GOOD BEHAVIOR ON MANCHAM'S PART CANNOT OF COURSE BE GUARANTEED, I BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE LESS POTENTIAL FOR DAMAGE LV IMPORTANT U.S. INTERESTS IN SEYCHELLES (E.G., TRACKING STATION, NAVY PORT VISITS) IF WE FIND WAY TO CONTINUE PL-480 FOOD SHIPMENTS TO SEYCHELLES UNTIL JUNE 30, 1974. SINCE ACTUAL DELIVERIES WOULD BE LIKELY TO CONTINUE FOR SOME MONTHS THEREA*TER, PHYSICAL TERMINATION OF DELIVERIES WOULD PROBABLY NOT OCCUR UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS, THEREBY MAKING PROGRAM TERMINATION SOMEWHAT LESS ATTRACTIVE CAMPAIGN ISSUE. THIS WOULD ALSO BE IN LINE WITH OUR POLICY OF AVOIDING SUPPORT FOR EITHER POLITICAL PARTY (REF B) ABRUPT TERMINATION OF PL-480 FOOD PROGRAM AT THIS TIME WOULD EFFECTIVELY AMOUNT TO UNINTENDED U.S. "TILT" IN FAVOR OF OPPOSITION PARTY ON EVE OF ELECTIONS. IF DECISION REACHED TO CONTINUE DELIVERIES UNTIL JUNE 30, MANCHAM COULD BE ADVISED IN MANNER (WITH INDICATION OF ADDITIONAL FOOD AUTHORIZED) WHICH WOULD MAKE IT APPEAR THAT HE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING SOMEWHAT MORE ASSISTANCE THAN WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN CASE.

5. IN SUM, I RECOMMEND URGENT RECONSIDERATION ON POLITICAL GROUNDS OF DECISION SET FORTH REF A TO TERMINATE SEYCHELLES TITLE II PROGRAM AS OF SEPT 30, 1973. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING PERTINENT INFORMATION
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ON ASSISTANCE TO MAURITIUS, SO THAT MANCHAM CAN BE INFORMED OF FINAL U.S. DECISION.
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